

(d) the total stocks released to the different States under P.D.S. during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) as on 30.6.1991 and 31.12.1991 in the Central Pool were of the order of 19.78 million tonnes and 13.90 million tonnes, respectively.

(b) and (c). There has been depletion of stocks of wheat during the period mainly due to higher offtake from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System.

(d) The offtake of foodgrains (wheat and rice) from the Central Pool during July to December, 1991 by the States/ Union Territories was 9.57 million tonnes.

Shortage of Space at National Library, Calcutta

1062. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of space for proper preservation of newspapers, periodicals and documents at National Library, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to solve the problem; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new Annexe to the National Library is to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 35.34 crores.

(c) Rs. 50 lakhs for 1992-93.

Studies of Population Control

1063. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made with regard to the incentives offered to the acceptors of small family norms;

(b) the recommendations of the similar studies made, if any, by other organisations like W.H.O. on this matter;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to make a fresh study with regard to the financial incentives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly of those having two daughters and reached at advanced age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). No specific study with regard to the incentives offered to the acceptors of small family norms either by the Departments of Government of India or by an International agencies like W.H.O. , has come to the notice of this Department.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal under consideration of Government at present to make a fresh study with regard to the financial incentives to those who have reached the advanced age and have two daughters.

[Translation]

Construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Dhanbad

1064. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in the construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Maithan, Dhanbad, Bihar;

(b) whether the construction of the

Vidyalaya is much behind the schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for timely and speedy construction of the Vidyalaya building?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). The Kendriya Vidyalaya in Maithan is a Project Sector school and the construction of the school building is the responsibility of the Project authorities i.e., the Damodar Valley Corporation as per their commitment. The construction work for the school building was started in September, 1987 by the project authorities but it was stopped on the advice of the District Administration on account of obstruction from local people. It will be for the project authorities to find a solution to the problem.

[English]

Modernisation of Quilon Station

1065. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for modernisation of Quilon Station in Kerala;

(b) if so, details of the steps proposed to be taken during the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

National Public Health Scheme

1066. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the special schemes

being implemented in the country at present under the National Public Health Scheme;

(b) the States where these special schemes are being implemented for eradication of leprosy and since when;

(c) whether Munger district has been included under this scheme;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in the past about the leprosy cases in Munger district; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). There are several National Programmes for control of different diseases like AIDS, Malaria, Kala-Azar, Cancer, Blindness, Tuberculosis, Leprosy etc. National Leprosy Eradication Programme aims at arresting the transmission of disease by the year 2000 A.D. National Leprosy Control Programme has been in implementation since 1955-56. It was redesignated as National Leprosy Eradication Programme in 1982-83. Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) is extended to all endemic areas in a phased manner. MDT is being implemented in 201 endemic areas in a phased manner. MDT is being implemented in 201 endemic districts in the States/UTs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra Gujarat, West Bengal, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Pondicherry, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Tripura. 43 low endemic districts mainly in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have also been covered under MDT.

(c) District Munger has not yet been covered by Multi Drug Therapy as the district has prevalence rate of less than 5 per 1000 population. However, Munger district has been proposed to be brought under MDT Scheme by 1995.